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Confuted, with some of his Antichristian Principles and Prophecies : To which is added some Reasons for my leaving the *Quakers*.

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St. Pet. II. 1.

there were false Prophets amongst the People, even as there shall be false Teachers amongst you, who privily bring in damnable Heresies, even denying the Lord that taught them, and bring upon themselves swift Destruction.

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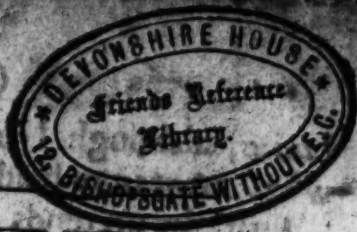
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*Montanism Revived, by Philip Hermon,
the Quakering Cobler.*

Christian Reader,

I Shall not insist upon the Fundamentals of Quakerism at this time, but only give you a taste of the Spirit of one of their Chief Teachers, belonging to the Quarterly Meeting at the Savoy; desiring of you to judge, whether it be lawful for him to Preach till he is better instructed in the Fundamentals of the Christian Religion; and whether it is not the Christian Man's Duty to absent from such, as bring in damnable Doctrine, deceiving, and being deceived.

"Montanius taught, that when God revealed himself to Man, it was under those great extasies, that they had not the use of their Reason.

Divers Bishops, and Fathers of the Church of Christ, in the early and primitive Times, wrote against Montanism, as an Enthusiastical Spirit, destructive to the Christian Religion.

And by Permission I shall undertake to prove this Enthusiastical Cobler a Disciple of MONT-

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tanius, although I believe he is ignorant of what *Montanius* held.

First, he pretends that in these Extasies he receiveth Divine Revelations of God, and doth not exercise his Reason, insomuch that he knoweth not the intent of his Revelations, like to his Sister, that Female Poet, that pretends to Divine Revelations, and yet ignorant of the intent of their pretended Revelations, or rather, Diabolical Delusions.

Secondly, Their Revelation leaving them puffed up with spiritual Pride, exalting themselves as it were like to an omniscient God, as his Pell-mell Sister hath been so bold to assert in Print, that none shall hide anything from her and God.

Thirdly, their judging that every whim that is infused in their disturbed Brains, is the Word of God, and yet are not ashamed to deny the Scriptures to be the Word of God, all confused Stuff.

I shall not enlarge at this time, upon every part of his confused Doctrines, but dispatch, and so proceed, the Word of the Lord as he saith, opened in him, after this manner,

1. "Who is he that giveth thee Life?"
"I am the Bread of Life."
2. "If thou be faithful to my Work,"
"Then will I send thee to the Turk."
3. "Mark the *Cobler's* Commission.)

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If thou be faithful to the thing,
 "Then will I make thee greater than a King.

But take notice though he received these Revelations under such an Extasie, that he did not exercise his Reason therein, not knowing the Intentions of them, yet he is puffed up with spiritual Pride from working in a Cobler's Stall, with suppositions to be greater than a King, what, may he act under these Pretences of an impulse, or Motion of the Spirit, for my part, by following his, and other damnable Doctrines and nonsensical Stuff, I have been one of those that have joined my self with that Party, that deny the Lord that bought them, but I have retracted my Errors, and reformed my Life, and hope for the time to come, through the Prayers of good Christians, will be ordered according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"This *Cobler* was heard to pray at *Gutters-*
bege Meeting-house, where several Friends
 "was present, that God would bless the holy
 "Child Jesus. Blush, O Angels, and ye glorified Saints, at the most astonishing Impudence and ignorance of this *Philip Hermon*: What *Philip*? had the holy Child Jesus, the Son of God, the Word of God, him who was crucified by the *Jews*, whom God hath made both Lord and Christ, God and Man, glorified for ever. Need of thy Intercessions and Meditations for him, lay thy Mouth in the Dust, and
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humble thy self in Ashes, lest the holy Child Je-
sus plead the Cause with you, for robbing him
of his Honour.

“Secondly, thou wast heard to preach in
“*Barnet* Meeting, that *Zion* was a safe Habi-
“tation, a glorious Dwelling-place, and O
“that all would get into *Zion*, and when thou
“satteest down, thou arose again, and asserted
“that the Word of the Lord rose in thee, that
Zion should come through Judgment; Oh!
Contradiction upon Contradiction, and all is fa-
thered upon the blessed holy Spirit. Surely the
Sin of Murder is not to be compared unto it.
O! what Account will this preaching *Cobler*
give to the great God that made him. I am
warmly concerned thus to appear, that as my
Errors have dishonoured God, so my Reforma-
tion might bring Glory and Honour to his re-
nowned Name.

“Thirdly, thou wast heard to Preach at
“*Horseydons* Meeting, thus that God had o-
“pened his Mysteries to thee, and at this
“present time made a great Revelation of
“Gospel mystery after this manner.

“Friends, the Word arose in my Heart,
“what is the Gift of God? and I queried
“within my self, and I reck’ned my Wife, and
“Health, and Children were the Gifts of God,
“but I could make no reply; but while I was
“considering the matter, the Word of the
“Lord

“Lord, role in me, after this manner, I am
“ the Gift of God.

Now consider, if he had been a Preacher for
about Two Years, and yet knew not the Gift
of God, I leave it to your Judgment to consi-
der what he preached upon. But let me in-
form the Reader, that according to my small
Experience of the Work of God, since I left
the *Quakers*, I cannot conceive how he could
witness the real Work of Conversion, with-
out the Knowledge of Jesus Christ, to be
the Gift of God, I may make this reply to
him; *Philip*, if thou hadst known the Gift
of God, then thou wouldst not run before
the Gift, for out of thy own Mouth I'll judge
thee, for thou art a Thief. I affirm, thou
stolest the Words of the Prophets, and saith,
thus saith the Lord, and yet ignorant of the
Gift of God, and I affirm again, that thou
art a Thief by craft; thou servedst thy time to
a Baker, and stole the Art of cobling Shoes,
and afterwards for hope of Advancement, run-
ned a nonsensical preaching *Quaker*.

Again, I affirm that thou knowest in thy
Conscience, that Baptism, and the Lord's Supper,
is an Institution of Jesus: For when I was
lunk in Quakerism, I was angry with him
for asserting that, *Matth. c. 28. 19. verse*, was
meant of Water, I asserted that it was spiri-
tual and not outward Water: But he asserted

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it was meant of Water, his Reasons are as follow.

First, the Apostles were wiser Men then we are and would not act contrary to the Commission given, if the Apostles had not understood that the Commission contained Water, they would not obey it, but the Apostles understood it so, and practised so, and so were obedient to their Commission.

But his Reasons are, that the Lords Supper, and Water Baptism, are not now to be perpetuated; because when he was thinking of these things, it was opened to him that he should be obedient to what he knew, and when they were commanded him, he would practise them, if he practise it not, judge ye, if he is not guilty of Disobedience. The Question that *Gilbert Lacey* asked thee, who made thee a Minister of Christ is pertinent to the matter? I must confess Confusion is amongst you, but I may reply if *Gil. L.* would not give you Ordination, I suppose, and am satisfied the Second Days-Meeting hath; but you pretty well fitted *G. L.* for it, for you told me that you looke upon *G. L.* to be no more a Minister then the back of your Hand, O rare *Cobler*!

Indeed, *W. Mather* hath spoken plainly in his Switch for the Snake, that there is no hopes for Reformation of Doctrine amongst you, until

until the Camp of your Ignorant Ministry be
purged: Where must you be *Philip*?

Concerning his Prophecie.

A Man need have the Courage of little *Da-
vid*, when he encountered with great *Goliath*, to
discourse concerning Religion with a preach-
ing Quaker: (*Philip*) had been at Meeting
one Week Day, preaching and coming where
I was, (one would have thought, he was in a
sweet composed Temper) we began to dis-
course concerning *G. Keith*, which was the
first time that I spake in the Praise of his Do-
ctrine, concerning the crucified Jesus. So in-
volved was I in Quakerisms, but no sooner
was this Prophet entered into Discourse, but
he said that the first Year that he witness the
Gift (of preaching) it was opened to him, that
the Lord would bring *G. K.* to nothing, and
all that joined with him he would judge,
what, saith I *Philip*, for believing in the cruci-
fied Jesus? yea saith he, let it be what it will,
Christ is as much worshipped and honoured,
where he is not named, as where he is (and so
consequently where they do not believe in
him) Well, sometime afterwards this Prophet
came and told me, he did not judge me, I
asked him who he judged, he replied, the
Disputer of the World, I asked him, who the
Disputer of the World was, he replied, the
Devil:

Devil: Thus ye may see, when they are put to it, they may see cause otherwise to word the Matter, and yet their Intentions may be the same.

Secondly, as for his Prophecy, that I should confess, that I had departed from the Truth before I died (because I believed the Doctrine of Christ crucified, taught by G. K.) which I was a Stranger too, and by this should I know that the Lord had spoken by him.) Isa. 44. 24, 25. The false Prophets are to be stoned to Death for prophaning his name.

Thirdly, his Prophecy, Sept. the 23. 1700. That the Lord would lay me as low as Sodom (that is, as the lowest Hell) If he had the Keys of Hell I should be afraid of him. Report say they, and we will report, my supposed Friends, how have they waited for my halting; but good old Jacob's Staff is strong enough for me to lean on; to speak nothing concerning his carnal Knowledge of God, as imagining that he was such a one as himself, as he told me the other Day, that God the Father had a Body, because Moses saw his back Parts; Oh brave Muggleton and his imagining that the Body of Christ was all pure Holiness, and not of the Virgin Mary.

I shall not expose him much farther, but abundance more I could say of him; but let him except for the present to abate his Pride.

Pride. I don't question, but in a short time by his preaching he will leap out of the Stall into a Shoemakers Shop, if he knows but how to manage it, if his cobling Trade fail him. I'll help him (or his Friends may) to be a Pedlar in that great Day, that *Stephen Smith* speaks of, in his Trumpet sounding to Persecutors, p. 139.

"Come Persecutors, Awake, Awake, hearken
"what a dreadful Noise is amongst the Pots,
"Kettles, Skillers, Frying-pans, Dripping-
"pans, Pewter Dishes, Flaggons, Chamber-
"pots, Beds, Cloaths, Corn, Hogs, Horses,
"Butter, Cheese, Bacon, and all sorts of Com-
modities, Shoe-Leather, and abundance of
other things too long to name. Come *Philip*,
when this great Day comes, then you may
come to your Throne.

Some Reasons for my Leaving of the *Quakers* are as follow, notwithstanding I could give abundance more, but think it not material to trouble the Reader with a multiplicity, seeing these few are material, against the very Foundation of the *Christian Religion*; as I could also give many hundred of Quotations out of their several Writers, being as so many Proofs of these and other their Errors and Antichristian Principles, viz.

1. Their Denial of the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity.
2. The Blood of Christ outwardly shed undervalued by the *Quakers*.

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1. God and Christ in Heaven.
2. Justification by the Righteousness of Christ.
3. Their Equality with God.
4. The Death and Sufferings of Christ.
5. The Resurrection of the Body.
6. *Jesus of Nazareth*, denied to be the Son of God.
7. The Holy Scriptures.
8. The Sacraments of *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper*.
9. They call all false Ministers that Preach Faith in Christ without.
10. Their Blasphemous Adorations, given to *George Fox*, and vindicated by other *Quakers*.
11. The moral Law and Ten Commandments doing servile Work on the Lords Day.
12. In this present year 1700. I went to *Geo. Whitehead*, the Head leading *Quaker* in London, and asked him a simple Question, concerning my Salvation, the Question was thus, *Geo. Whitehead*, I desire thee to inform me upon what my Salvation doth depend, after some *pro* and *con*, he gave me an answer in these following words, *Repent speedily, or else the Lord will confound thee, and bring thee to naught*, and this is the word of the Lord to thee; I desire you to take notice that the said *Geo. Whitehead*, and three more *Quaker* Speakers, Judged the glorious Trinity; to the Pit and the Lake

Take, If any Question the truth of it, I offer to produce the Book: Those that are desirous to be farther informed, I refer them to a Little book, called the *Quaker Creed*, containing 12 Articles of their antichristian Doctrine, Sold at Mr. *Gwillam*, Bookseller, in *Bishopsgate-street*.

POSTSCRIPT.

I Hope I have sufficiently detexed Montanism in this *Cobler*, and *Muggletonian*, in his asserting that God had a Body, because *Moses* saw his Back-parts, which is a blasphemous Contradiction of the first Article of the Church of England. "Which plainly asserts that God "is without Body, Parts, or Passions, and "contradicts the saying of our ever blessed Jesus, that his Father is a Spirit.

If he be free from Socinism, by praying for the holy Child Jesus I leave the Reader to judge, if he believeth not that Christ is a Creature, what reasons had he to think that the holy Child Jesus had need of his Prayers.

Take notice that every Whim that cometh into his, or their Brain, they presently conceive it is an opening from the Lord.

By what Rule must I try him by, if by his Brethren, then he will assert they are not inspired as he is, as he hath often said in my hearing, that *G. whitehead* is a dry Preacher, and that

that *G. W.* could preach when he had a mind to it, which doth imply that *G. W.* often speaks by school Craft, and not always by immediate Inspiration as he doth, But I desire that he might be tryed by Scriptures, and if his preaching be concurring there, will I leave the Reader to judge.

In *Long-Acre* Meeting he was heard to preach after this manner, Friends, I think *Joseph* had not the Law, I think the Law was not writ before his time, to the best of my Remembrance he had not the Law,) Oh brave Infallibility.

O my Country-men what a Day is come upon us, such a Day that was prophesied off. Many shall run and say, thus saith the Lord, and the Lord hath declared that he never sent them.

He confessed in my Brother's hearing that the Body of Christ partook not of the Substance of the Virgin, and said it was an opening from the Lord. I shall proceed to shew that this Error, and Heresie, was broached and condemned in the Days of the Apostles, this is it which *St. John* reprehends, *1 John 4. 3.* Every Spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come into the Flesh, &c. or as *Socrates* saith, every Spirit that separates Jesus from God, is not of God, this was wrote in the ancient Copies, and he observes that this Text and other parts of this Epistle was altered by those that would separate the Divinity of Christ from his Humanity.

Now

Now this Spirit that openeth this Doctrine that the Body of Christ partook not of the Virgin is a false Spirit, and it's evident that this Spirit that opened it in the *Cobler*, and *G. W.* is the Spirit of Antichrist. For *G. W.* in his Son of Perdition revealed, hath denied that there is Two distinct Natures in the Person of Christ, and denies that the humane Nature is Christ, or the Son of God by temporal Generation, and denieth that the Soul of Christ is a humane Soul: The Baptist *Jos. Wright*, declared that the Spirit of Holiness is the Son of God by eternal Generation, and that the humane Nature also of that Person is the Son of God by temporal Generation, yet there are not Two Christs, but one, &c. But *G. W.* plainly says in answer to the Baptist, did ever the Apostles preach such a Christ as this, either there must be Two Christs in one Person, or else the humane and divine are both one, and this was his Faith in 1661.

By which you that believe in the true Jesus may see what a necessity there is to receive the Counsel of *Ignatius* that glorious Martyr of Christ, Bishop of Antioch who flourish'd about the Year 70, after the Birth of Christ was Disciple to St. *John* the Evangelist writes thus in the Epistle to the *Trallians*. "Stop your Ears therefore when any shall speak to you without Christ Jesus. Even Jesus of *Nazareth* (not the Light within) as some Atheists that

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Advertisement.

WHEREAS I *Clement Foyner*, of the Parish of *St. Clement Danes*, having printed a little Paper, entituled, *Montanism Reviv'd by Philip Hermon*, a Quakering Cobler, and chief Speaker of *Savoy Meeting*: Do hereby Declare, That it was writ in my Passion and Prejudice, as they Jesuites would have had me said; and to that end brought a Paper, writ by one of the Quakers, for to inform me, that thereby I should clear the whole Body of the Quakers, from what I had Charged them in the said Book--- See a new Book of mine, entituled, *Philip Hermon's Last Shift*, and the learned *P. Hermon*, Cobler, Sermons, printed by another hand, to be sold at *Mr. Rogers*, at the *Black Boy* over against *St. Dunstons Church*; and at *Mr. Nutts*, near *Stationers Hall*. And whereas the said *P. Hermon* hath printed a little Piece of Paper, to shew to the World that he is Sounder in the Faith than his Brethren *G. W.* and *W. Pen*, Sounder than he was; This, I Declare, that he is an Imposter, a Blasphemer, and a Lier, and that that Paper was printed without my Consent, Approbation or Knowledge: And hereby I do Charge him to be Guilty of all that I have Charged him of in my Book, and hereby do Challenge the said *Philip Hermon*, and the Quakers, to meet me before any 12, Sober Men of the Church of *England*, Presbyterian,

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